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To: All VFC Providers

From: Montana Immunization Program

Re: VFC UPDATE: NEW VFC ORDER PROCESS, ORDER FORM, AND BRAND CHOICE

New Order Process and Order Form

Starting December 1, 2012, VFC vaccine orders will no longer be processed through Home IV Pharmacy in Butte. VFC vaccine orders should now be sent to the Montana Immunization Program in Helena. The attached order form has been updated with the new order submission information. Please use this new form (revised 11/21/2012) going forward. Old order forms will not be accepted.

Other than this change, the order process remains the same. Listed below are some reminders about VFC vaccine orders

1. Monthly VFC vaccine orders are accepted the 1st through the 15th of each month. Orders submitted after the 15th will be held until the next month.
2. Your inventory must be reconciled in imMTrax within 14 days of placing your order.
3. Follow the order submission instructions on the order form.
4. We prefer orders be submitted by email. For emailed orders, you will receive an order confirmation by email within 3 days of receipt at the Immunization Program. If you email an order and do not receive a confirmation, please contact us.
5. If you fax your order, also put a copy in the mail. Otherwise, the Immunization Program cannot be held accountable for faxed orders not received. You will not receive a receipt confirmation when faxing or mailing orders.
6. Contact the Immunization Program at least three months prior to VFC vaccine expiring if it will not be used. We will help redistribute the vaccine.
7. Varicella-containing vaccines (ProQuad[®] and Varivax[®]) will not automatically import into your imMTrax inventory. When you receive these vaccines, notify the Immunization Program with the vaccine name, lot number, expiration date, and number of doses, and we will add it to your inventory.

If you have any questions regarding your orders, please contact Katie Grady-Selby at kgrady@mt.gov or 444-1613.

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Additional Brand Choice in the VFC Program

Starting December 1, 2012, we will begin offering brand choice for two additional vaccines in the VFC Program.

For hepatitis B vaccine, you can choose between Engerix®(GlaxoSmithKline) and Recombivax HB® (Merck), and for hepatitis A vaccine we are offering Havrix® (GlaxoSmithKline) and Vaqta® (Merck). The new order form attached to this email (revised 11/21/2012) reflects these changes. Please switch to this form for your December orders and use it going forward.

Revisions to the Montana VFC Provider Handbook/Vaccine Management Plan

Please note that the *VFC Provider Handbook/Vaccine Management Plan* has not been updated to reflect the new ordering process. We are currently updating several other sections of the document in response to recent changes in VFC requirements from the CDC. We will make all these revisions at once and issue an updated handbook after the turn of the calendar year.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation in adhering to the VFC vaccine order requirements.

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